WLLID 2025/2026 AGM
(29 Oct 2026)

Chair Report

The 2026 WLLID activities included the yearly water level monitoring and water testing- E. coli, dissolved oxygen, temperature and Seechi readings. Spreadsheets are kept up-to-date throughout freshet and water reports posted on the website.

First off, I want to thank the 2025/2026 Board – Jan, Shauna, Phil and Luke – for their contribution by committing over 500 hours of volunteer time. Other volunteers helped with various water tests from May through early September.

Thank you to Lori for her work on agendas, meeting minutes, bookkeeping, preparing tax notifications and over-due notices, posters and keeping the house in order.

A very successful Water Day (26 July 2025) where WLLID, EKISC and Living Lakes set-up information booths at Campers beach.

Water Day was not held in 2026.

At Water Day 2025, residents stopping by the WLLID booth raised concerns about the increase in algae and organic material in the water, the negative impact of wake boats on the foreshore and lake bottom, the growing amount of aquatic plant life some refer to as weeds, and duck itch, also known as swimmers itch.

Responding to these concerns, the WLLID Board contracted Larrett Aquatic Consultants, April 2025, to sample the lake bottom sediment and algae, and collect deep water E. coli samples (31 May 2025). WLLID Board members helped out with water and sediment sampling to reduce consultant expenses. The over-all project cost $11,000.

The Larratt Report and video of the June 2026 presentation are on the website under “Reports.”

A number of questions were raised during the presentation. Responses from Larratt and the WLLID are posted on the website under “Reports.”

In late July, RDEK Area E Director Jane Walter requested the Larratt Report be presented to the RDEK Board in August, which it was.

The report and subsequent presentation created negative backlash from a portion of the Wasa community, both resident and non-resident. The WLLID Board, and myself, recognize the need for additional communication beyond the normal channels.

As Board Chair, I take responsibility for any short-comings in the Larratt Report. The Board discussed the cost of such research with the taxpayer in mind and chose the least expensive.

The increased community awareness and discussion are positives. The bullying and harassment of the WLLID Board are definite negatives.

In 2026, E. coli sampling occurred on a limited basis due to a lack of volunteers. However, the readings were under the IH's 200 E. coli per 100 ml of water and deemed "acceptable." More on this in the water report.

Getting the E. coli numbers out to the public is dependent on volunteer availability and IH time lines for sample submission and analysis. It usually takes four to five business days from the time the sample is submitted until the results are posted on the IH website.

A shoreline clean-up was undertaken in October, 2025. It was not done this year due to a lack of volunteers.

WLLID website - www.wasalake.ca. **The** public source for WLLID Board information, current news, water data and testing alerts. Board meeting minutes, along with reports, both new and historic, are available for public reading.

The website content is not exhaustive and past Bylaws and reports need to be added. The Board is actively looking for a webmaster.

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